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TOPIC Schoenwalde Airfield

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1. On 10 August 1950 the Schoenwalde (N 53/Z 66) airfield was occupied by about 8 twin-engine planes and 50 to 60 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes. (1) Some of the latter aircraft had no special marking on the rudder assembly, others had a blue stripe on the leading edge of the rudder assembly. (2) All planes were partly covered with tarpaulins and parked in front of the closed hangars.
2. Flying started at 10:50 p.m. in a clear sky, very slight wind and good visibility. It stopped at about 11:30 p.m. Twin-engine planes made flights of about half an hour during which they were not seen near the field. Before landing, the planes flew over the landing strip one time. The entire length of the landing strip was lighted before and during the landing by a very strong searchlight from the southwestern end. The aircraft also switched on their landing lights which were fitted on the outer fourth of the left wings. (3)
3. About six single-engine, low-wing monoplanes practiced flying on 11 August 1950. Description of planes: single rudder assembly; in-line engine; an antenna rod forward of the cockpit; a gun projecting beyond the rear section of the cockpit; a hole, probably a radiator, in the leading edges of the wings close to the fuselage; a landing light in the middle of the leading edge of the left wing; wing-length landing flaps which were slightly extended at the take-off and then retracted; a cylindrical body, probably a generator, about 30 cm long, under fuselage and forward of flap which was always open to the rear about 30 degrees; landing gear retracted rearward and rotatable by 90 degrees; two barrels in the right wing, one barrel and a searchlight in the left wing. (4)
4. About 50 to 60 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, covered with tarpaulins, were parked in front of the closed hangars on 13 August 1950. (1)
5. Five uncovered AA guns were near the AA emplacement. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) The occupation of the airfield has increased by about 20 planes compared with the last information of 8 August 1950. [redacted]
The previous location of the additional planes is not known. Probably several ground attack units were temporarily concentrated for a joint exercise. This was observed in Schoenwalde on 30 July 1950. [redacted]
- (2) The blue stripe on the leading edge has not been observed before on ground attack aircraft in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The ground attack planes, stationed in Schoenwalde, have a red stripe on the leading edge of the rudder assembly.
- (3) The twin-engine planes are presumably assigned to the air reconnaissance regiment stationed in Schoenwalde. It is not known what kind of night flying practice was held.
- (4) According to the description, the ground attack regiment is equipped with IL-10s.
- (5) The AA gun emplacement is located on the western edge of the airfield. [redacted]

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